

>>> Peggy de Broux 05/30/03 02:49PM >>>

Dear Sirs:

I have just read an editorial by Molly Ivins; I have also sent form letters provided by other sources regarding this matter. I wanted to tell you personally why I oppose the proposed changes to the FCC.

I worked in radio (some television) for 10 years (1952 and thereafter fairly regularly). I married a disk jockey in 1954 and we worked together all over the country. I saw how advertising was controlled by the FTC (which I agreed

with: no putting competitors back-to-back, etc., which has now been eliminated). Eventually, my husband, Bob Cole (deceased) worked for a station

in Pasadena which was actually owned by Jack Kent Cook, a Canadian who was

hiding behind his brother's name (a naturalized U.S. Citizen) in order to own

KRLA in Pasadena, CA. The FCC investigated this station; Cook lost his license

to the station because of 27 counts against him, and my husband lost his job

because he willingly told the FCC officials what he personally knew about log-keeping, etc. Despite the hardships (we had to leave the Los Angeles area), I was very proud of him.

The rule that monopolies should be prevented in the broadcast industry as well

as telephone communication is a very good one. Otherwise, we are possible

victims of the kind of thing George Orwell foresaw in 1984, a novel which could

certainly become truth for the citizens of this country. I violently oppose the upcoming legislation, and am writing my congressmen as well as you.

Please oppose this issue for yourselves. We need this type of control over who

owns broadcasting/telecasting stations and phone companies. Otherwise, a few

people could (and probably would, eventually) brainwash all of us into their way of thinking. This is not democratic; it is not humane; it is not logical in a world where news information is so readily available around the world.

If

only a few people (or CEOs) control these industries, there is so much room for greed, etc. to occur to the people of this country.

Please listen to those of us who realize what is at stake, here.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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